



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: De Keczer et al. )  
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**RESPONSE**

In response to the Final Office Action mailed 11/04/03 for which a response is now due please consider the following amendments and remarks.

Please cancel claims 1-18, 20, 31, 34-36, 43, 45 and 47-56. Please amend claims 24-25 as shown below.

Thus, claims currently in the case are 19, 21-30, 32-33, and 37-42 and claim 44.

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